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Mr. L. Preston Bryant, Jr.
Chairman
National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, Suite 500
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Via Email: info@ncpc.gov

Dear Mr. Bryant:

I am writing about the Phase I (North Campus) project under consideration by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to establish the Intelligence Community Campus-Bethesda (ICCB) at 4600 Sangamore Road in Bethesda, Maryland. As you are aware the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) vacated this site under the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) law. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is managing the project on behalf of the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) to redevelop the site as the ICCB.

I want to express my appreciation to USACE and DIA for their efforts to respond to community concerns about the project's impacts, particularly relating to traffic, congestion, storm water management, and the Potomac River viewshed. USACE has hosted numerous meetings with community leaders and the community at large and continues to participate with a committee of community stakeholders and responsible government entities to monitor the project's construction.

On February 2, 2012, NCPC acknowledged this collaboration when it approved the ICCB Master Plan. The NCPC noted that USACE had made significant improvements in its initial plans for the site, including scaling back the size, location and scope of a new parking garage and addressing the local community's key concerns regarding tree loss, storm water management, traffic, and on-site parking. In its approval NCPC requested that USACE strive to limit tree removal to no more than 0.2 acres, and to design storm water management facilities with the goal of treating and retaining 100 percent of storm water for a 25-year storm.

It is my understanding that community leaders and local government officials are in general agreement that USACE has worked to the best of its ability to comply with these requests but that budget constraints and mission and security requirements made full compliance unfeasible.

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I am satisfied that USACE has listened carefully and has made substantial design modifications that address community concerns. While design modifications may not eliminate every concern, I believe they offer practical mitigations to community and regional impacts without compromising the essential mission of the new Intelligence Community Campus-Bethesda.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to comment on the redevelopment of the Sangamore Road site in Bethesda. Please feel free to reach out to my office in the future on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Isiah Leggett", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

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